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Miami Gardens Town Center Area

Conceptual Master Plan





Presentation Outline

- What is this Conceptual Master Plan?
- Why is the City of Miami Gardens master planning for Town Center?
- What kind of Place?
- Plan Vision & Guiding Principles
- Design & Planning Tools
- Results
- Project Schedule
- Purpose of the Workshop/Design Charrette

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What is this Master Plan?

- ♦ The Master Plan for Town Center is intended to be a general blueprint for how growth and development should occur.
- ♦ It will include recommended design, land use, and zoning regulations as well as public investment projects that can be implemented within certain time frames.
- ◆ The plan functions much like a roadmap; it is a means to an end.





Why is the City master planning for Town Center?

- ♦ The City is experiencing increased pressures from growth within its boundaries. Policy decisions and zoning regulations made are no longer viable.
- ♦ The City enacted a moratorium in April 2005 to research alternatives to current development patterns and study the most effective way to maintain local control.
- ♦ Once adopted, the plan will guide decisions which will reinforce the desired character, scale, and identity for the City.

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What kind of Place?

- ♦ A transit-supportive development with a mix of uses that seeks to combine housing, office and retail services?
- ♦ A place with central public spaces and plazas that accommodate public events for all citizens?
- ♦ A Town Center intended to be a moderate to high density urban area.
- ♦ An urban plaza with pedestrian-oriented shops and amenities facing the sidewalks on NW 183^{rd St}





What kind of Place?

- ◆ A place integrated with the proposed Miami-Dade Metrorail station and parking facility.
- ♦ Design unified theme with a unique character and sense of place.
- ♦ A place with strong emphasis on connectivity of places, through walkways and linked courtyards and terraces.
- ♦ A place with central public spaces and plazas that accommodate public events for all citizens.

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Current Conditions



- ♦ Opportunities to utilize underused buildings and large parking lots for redevelopment.
- ♦ Opportunities to enhance sense of identity and sense of place of community.





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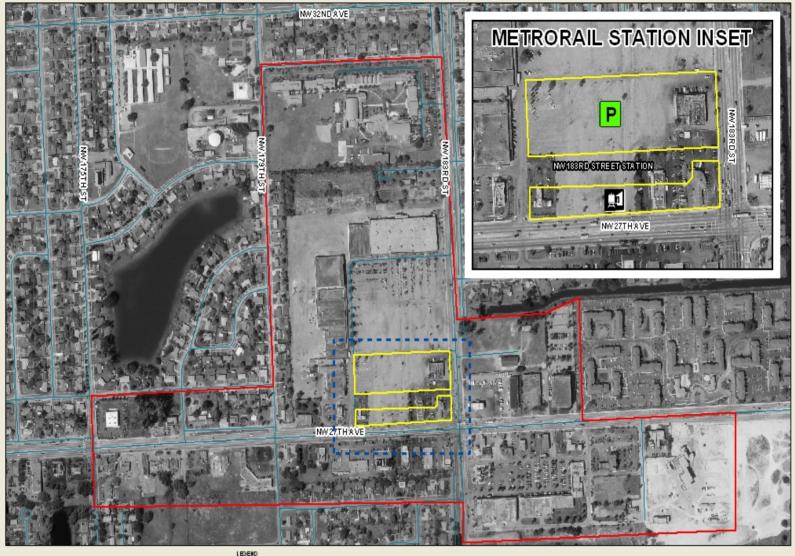


- ♦ Expansion outward.
- ♦ Single use development patterns.
- ♦ Automobile dependence.
- ♦ Conventional parking requirements.

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CONCEPTUAL PLAN NW 183RD STREET STATION







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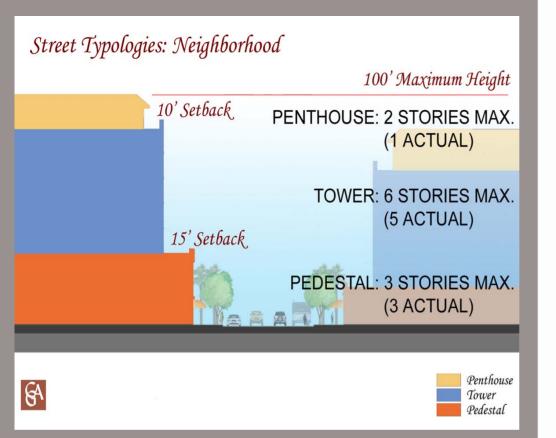
Plan Vision & Guiding Principles

Vision: A transit-oriented development which integrates the proposed metrorail station with a unique urban setting for residents to live, work and recreate.

Principles:

- ◆ Create a pedestrian/transit friendly development.
- ◆ Provide for a mix of uses and housing types.
- ◆ Achieve a cohesive "sense of place."





Design & Planning Tools









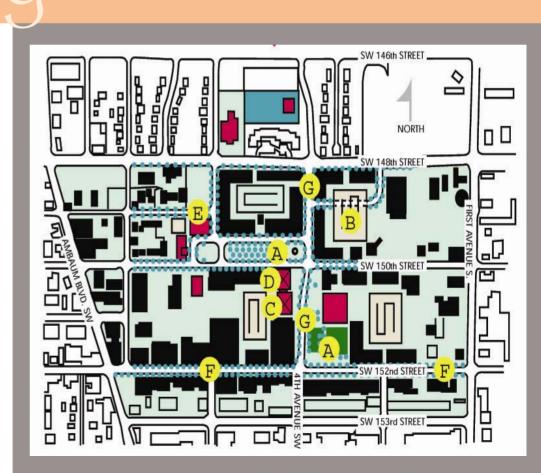


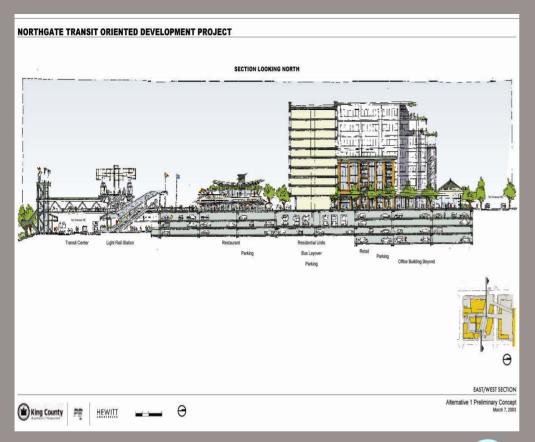


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Results

- ♦ A vision for the Town Center area.
- A general land use map and illustrations.
- ♦ A Conceptual Connectivity Plan.
- A Zoning Code that is visual, clear and simplified for improved understanding and compliance by all users.
- Implementation and partnership strategies.





Project Schedule

June-July	Start-up and Visioning Process
July 28	Present Vision and Guiding Principles to City Council
Sept. 8	Identify Opportunities and Constraints
Oct. 6	Draft Design and Development Guidelines
Nov. 3	Draft Conceptual Master Plan
Nov. 11	Adopt Land Use and Zoning Ordinance
Nov. 16	Implementation Strategies











Recap: Workshop Objectives

- ♦ Assess community expectations of existing and future development for Town Center.
- ♦ Create a "Vision" of what citizens perceive as the future image of the Town Center area.
- ♦ Achieve consensus on Vision for Town Center.
- ♦ Identify strategies to bring such plan into existence.

